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SUBJECT: NICARAGUA RADIO BRUADCAST ON HONDURAS-EL SALVADOR SITUATION

REF: STATE 108683

1. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL WIRE SERVICE STORIES OVER PAST FEW DAYS IN LOCAL PRESS CONCERNING RECENT BORDER INCIDENTS BETWEEN HONDURAS AND EL SALVADOR. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN WIRE SERVICE STORIES DATELINED SAN JOSE AND SAN SALVADOR SPECULATING THAT JALAPA SUMMIT MAY BE JEOPARDIZED BECAUSE OF HONDURAN CHARGES OF SALVADORAN AGGRESSION.

2. EMBASSY HAS NO WAY OF CHECKING TRANSMISSION BY STATIONS IN NORTHERN NICARAGUA. WE WOULD SPECULATE, HOWEVER, THAT ITEM CONCERNING SUPPOSED HOSTILITIES DEALTH WITH HONDURAN CHARGES REGARDING BORDER INCIDENT AND WAS TAKEN BY LOCAL STATION FROM REPEATER MANAGUA STATIONS OR FROM MANAGUA NEWSPAPER AS THESE ARE PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF NEWS FOR STATIONS OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL.

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3. REPORT AMBASSADOR BERTRAND IS CONCERNED ABOUT COULD HAVE

BEEN BASED ON FRONT-PAGE MAY 22 LA PRENSA ARTICLE HEADLINED "HONDURAS DENOUNCES SALVADORAN ATTACKS." THIS WAS AP STORY DATELINED TEGUCIGALPA. REPORT COULD CONCEIVABLY HAVE BEEN TRANSMITTED BY STATION IN NORTHERN NICARAGUA ON GON PREPARED NATIONAL HOUR WHICH IS CARRIED BY ALL RADIO STATIONS. NATIONAL HOUR, HOWEVER, USES WIRE SERVICES FOR SUCH NEWS ITEMS.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT GON WOULD ATTEMPT IN ANY WAY TO JEOPARDIZE ATTENDANCE AT JALAPA SUMMIT BY ALL CA HEADS OF STATE. GENERAL SOMOZA HAS WORKED ARDENTLY TO BRING THIS SUMMIT TO NICARAGUA AND WE BELIEVE HE REMAINS COMMITTED TO HOLDING IT AS SCHEDULED.
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